

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 1, delete the first three printed lines.

On page 10, attached is a replacement paragraph for the third paragraph showing the changes that were made relative to the immediate prior version:

Appropriate selection of the side chains enables the resulting HLB (hydrophilic/lipophilic balance) to be tailored. If the medium for which the innovative graft copolymer is prepared is predominantly hydrophilic then the base polymer will likewise be selected from the class of predominantly hydrophilic polymers (e.g., polyethylene glycol (PEG) in Example B of US-A-5, 267,232 5,627,232.

On pages 12 and 13, attached is a replacement paragraph for the last, partial paragraph on page 12 and partial paragraph on page 13 showing the changes that were made relative to the immediate prior version:

For the preparation of aqueous pigment pastes according to one preferred embodiment from 0.1% to 100% by weight of the copolymers of the invention, preferably from 0.2% to 80% by weight (based on the weight of the pigments) are added. This, however, is dependent on the

surface area to be covered on the solid to be covered. Carbon black requires very much more dispersant than, for example, TiO_2 . The dispersants are generally applied to the solids in the presence of solvents and/or water. Alternatively they may be applied directly to the solids that are to be dispersed. For that purpose the copolymers can be mixed with the pigments to be dispersed or dissolved directly in the dispersing medium (water, optionally additions of glycol ether) prior to or simultaneous with the addition of the pigments and, where used, other solids.

On page 14, attached is the replacement paragraph for the fourth paragraph, showing the changes that were made relative to the immediate prior version:

figs. 2.1 to 2.3 show preferred copolymers according to ~~Claim 1~~ the invention, where b, c, d and e are any integer, preferably from 1 to 100, in particular from 1 to 50, and e is preferably defined like a (cf. above) B b, c, d and e can also be 0 if at least one of them is 1.

On page 20, attached is the replacement Table III showing the changes that were made relative to the immediate prior version:

Table III

Colorimetry of the pigment concentrate/white paint blend 1/99			
	Example	Lightness L*	Delta E after rub-out*
Heligen Blue L7072 D which 24 h or 4 weeks?)	Comparative	80.2	9.6
	2	79.3	8.3
	4	76.7	0.5
	8	78.8	5.3
	14	79.3	7.6
Bayferrox 130M (which 24h or 4 weeks?)	Comparative	66.5	1.07
	2	65.7	1.02
	4	66.3	0.58
	8	65.3	0.42
	14	66.2	1.13

Discussion

Minor changes have been made in the specification of the application to correct certain obvious errors and to place the application in better condition for review by the USPTO. A discussion of those changes follows:

On page 10, the U.S. patent number was incorrectly cited.

On page 12, the last two words of the sentence were left out of the translation.

On page 14, minor changes were made to this paragraph, to place it in condition for review and to correct an error to a reference symbol.

Finally, on page 20 in Table III, language was deleted which should not have been included in the translation.

No new subject matter is introduced by any of these amendments as they are made to correct errors in the text and to replace imprecise translation.